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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 15-0546		

TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 City Hall

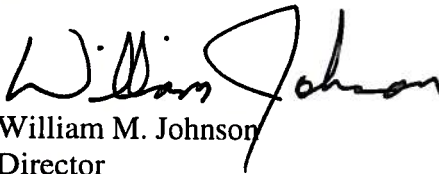
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I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 15-0546, "Building, Fire, and Related Codes – 2015 Edition". The purpose of this bill is to a revised Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article, comprising the 4 Maryland Building Performance Standards (effective January 1, 2015), the International 5 Building Code (2015 Edition), the National Electrical Code (2014 Edition), the International 6 Fuel Gas Code (2015 Edition), the International Mechanical Code (2015 Edition), the 7 International Plumbing Code (2015 Edition), the International Property Maintenance Code 8 (2015 Edition), the International Fire Code (2015 Edition), the International Energy 9 Conservation Code (2015 Edition), the International Residential Code for One- and Two- 10 Family Dwellings (2015 Edition), the International Green Conservation Code (2012 Edition), 11 and the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (2015 Edition), all as supplemented, 12 amended, or otherwise modified by this Ordinance; providing for the effect, construction, 13 and effective date of these new standards and codes; correcting obsolete agency references; 14 conforming, correcting, and clarifying certain language; and generally relating to the 15 adoption of new building, fire, property maintenance, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and 16 related codes for Baltimore City.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this bill. The proposed amendment in the bill clarify the current responsibilities of the DOT to determine certain actions, such as closing of streets or alleys, and that DOT will charge a fee for review of document submitted for review to cover DOT's costs.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,


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Director

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Cc: Angela Gibson, Mayor's Legislative Liaison

